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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

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Introduction

1. This addendum updates the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights (E/CN.4/2001/59).

I. FINANCIAL STATUS

2. On the eve of the twentieth session of the Board of Trustees of the Fund (18 May-1 June 2001), a total of US$ 1,079,516 had been received to provide humanitarian assistance to victims of torture and to members of their families. Table 1 below, drawn up on 4 April 2001 on the basis of the information available to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, updates table 1 of the main report by providing information on contributions recorded by the United Nations Treasurer after 15 December 2000 (see E/CN.4/2001/59). Canada, Cyprus and Iceland have paid a new contribution for 2001, as recommended by the Commission in its resolution 2000/43 of 2 April 2000.

Table 1. Recently paid contributions that will be taken into consideration at the twentieth session of the Board of Trustees (to be added to table 1 of E/CN.4/2001/59)

State	Amount (US$)	Recorded	Intended for	Contr. No.
Argentina	7 000	18 December 2000	2000	12
"	3 000	22 December 2000	2000	13
Austria	40 000	28 February 2001	2000	17
Belgium	70 277	16 January 2001	2000	11
Canada	17 151	15 December 2000	2000	17
"	40 775	24 January 2001	2001	18
Cyprus	2 767	21 December 2000	2001	13
Czech Republic	5 000	7 December 2000	2000	5
Germany	121 510	25 April 2000	2000	19
Holy See	1 000	26 December 2000	2000	5
Iceland	4 650	11 January 2001	2001	15
Italy	110 519	1 February 2001	1999	11
"	110 519	1 February 2001	2000	12
Sweden	113 345	25 May 2000	2000	14
Switzerland	46 784	15 May 2000	2000	13
Tunisia	1 881	31 January 2001	2000	10
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	196 970	11 May 2000	2000	13
Ms. Rita Maran	50	9 February 2001	2001	12
Total	**893 198**			

3. The total amount pledged is about US$ 7 million (see table 2 below). Pledges need to be paid by 30 April 2001 if they are to be recorded by the United Nations Treasurer and allocated at the twentieth session of the Board of Trustees.

Table 2. Pledges

State	Amount (US$)	For the year	Recorded on	Contr. No.
Algeria	5 000	2001	2 November 2000[a]	10
Brazil	10 000	1995	20 December 1994	7
"	10 000	1996	2 November 1995	8
"	10 000	1998	4 November 1997	9
Chile	10 000	2001	2 November 2000[a]	9
Cyprus	2 174	2001	2 November 2000[a]	13
Denmark	368 550	2001	19 February 2001	19
Italy	110 519	2001	5 July 2000	13
Liechtenstein	5 952	2001	27 March 2001	13
Monaco	10 000	2000	18 February 1999[b]	7
"	10 000	2001	2 November 2000[a]	8
Netherlands	900 000	2000 and 2001	13 March 2001[a]	19 and 20
Norway	112 360	2001	12 February 2001	16
Tunisia	1 393	2001	2 November 2000[a]	11
Turkey	5 000	2001	2 November 2000[a]	3
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	216 666	1999	2 February 1999[c]	12
"	235 294	2001	25 January 2001	14
United States of America	5 000 000	2001	4 April 2001	21
Total	7 022 908			

[a] Pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities on 2 November 2000 in New York.

[b] Cheque given to OHCHR N.Y. Office but not received by the United Nations Treasurer or OHCHR Geneva.

[c] The payment of $130,000 for 1999 was apparently paid to the United Nations Office for Project Services (this is now being checked by the OHCHR administration).

II. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

4. At the time of writing (4 April 2001), the total amount of grants requested by non-governmental organizations for 2001 was about US$ 11 million whereas some US$ 10 million were requested in 2000 (see E/CN.4/2001/59, table 3). The upward trend observed since 1997 has therefore continued.

5. As the Fund has so far received contributions amounting to only about US$ 1 million, the amount needed by 30 April 2001 to satisfy all the requests for funding received from non-governmental organizations would be over US$ 13 million since, in addition to the amount needed for grants, an additional 13 per cent would be required to cover programme support costs

and a further 15 per cent to provide the compulsory operating cash reserve, in accordance with the United Nations rules on the administration of United Nations general trust funds for humanitarian assistance.

III. FUND-RAISING

6. In the light of the alarming financial situation of the Fund, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Jaap Walkate (Netherlands), launched an urgent appeal to regular donors through their Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva (see annex). The aim of this appeal was to remind them that their contributions to the Fund should be paid before 30 April 2001 so that they could be recorded at the twentieth session of the Board.

7. In accordance with past practice of the Bureau of the Commission on Human Rights, whereby the Chairman or a member of the Board of Trustees present in Geneva is invited to present the report of the Secretary-General to the Commission, a member of the Board, Ivan Tosevski, will address the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-seventh session, under the relevant agenda item, to give interested Governments and non-governmental organizations the latest information on the needs of the Fund.

8. At the end of its twentieth session, the Board of Trustees will hold a briefing for donors, as it does every year, on the allocation and use of contributions received. The briefing is planned for Friday, 1 June 2001, at 3 p.m.

IV. HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

9. Governments, individuals and organizations wishing to make a contribution to the Fund can do so as follows:

(a) **By bank transfer** to the United Nations Geneva General Fund:

In New York, in United States dollars,
c/o Chase Manhattan Bank, New York,
A/c: 001-1-508629, UNOG General Fund,
G/L: UN-0503456,
United States Banking Code: 021000021

In Geneva, in United States dollars, c/o UBS AG,
PO Box 2770, CH-1211 Geneva 2,
A/c: 240-CO-590-160.1

Or in Swiss francs, c/o UBS AG,
PO Box 2770, CH-1211 Geneva 2,
A/c: 240-CO-590-160.0,
Swift address: UBSWCHZH12A

(b) By **cheque** made out to the "United Nations", to:

The Treasurer, United Nations Office at Geneva,
Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10.

10. In all cases, please specify: "Payee: United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, **a/c CH**".

11. For any further information on the Fund, please contact the secretariat of the Fund at the Humanitarian Trust Funds Unit, Support Services Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Palais Wilson; postal address: United Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; tel: +41 22 917 9315; fax: +41 22 917 9017; e-mail: dpremont.hchr@unog.ch.

Annex

LETTER DATED 27 MARCH 2001 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FUND ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF REGULAR DONORS TO THE FUND TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA

Dear Ambassador,

We very much appreciate the regular and substantial contribution of your Government to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. I have the honour to bring to your attention several provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/89 of 4 December 2000 (para. 23), Commission on Human Rights resolution 2000/43 of 20 April 2000 (para. 36), the Joint Appeal of 26 June 2000 by the Board of Trustees of the Fund, the Committee against Torture, the Special Rapporteur on torture and the High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as the appeal letter of 18 October 2000 by the High Commissioner, appealing for new contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

The General Assembly, the Commission, the Board of Trustees of the Fund, the Committee against Torture, the Special Rapporteur on torture and the High Commissioner expressed gratitude and appreciation to Governments having contributed to the Fund and appealed to all Governments to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund, if possible on a regular basis and annually before the session of the Board of Trustees of the Fund. To satisfy the ever-increasing demand for assistance, they recommended that Governments increase substantially the level of contributions. The next session of the Board is scheduled to take place from 18 May to 1 June 2001. Contributions should be paid before the session of the Board, since the Board, when making recommendations for grants, can only take into consideration contributions paid and duly recorded by the United Nations Treasurer.

Requests for assistance for 2001 amount to some US$ 11 million. However, the Fund has so far received contributions amounting to only about US$ 1 million.

I would therefore very much appreciate if you could kindly make the necessary arrangements to ensure that your regular contribution is paid before the end of April 2001 at latest, in order for the Board to be able to take into consideration the contributions duly registered by the United Nations Treasurer and to fulfil its mandate.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, and on my own behalf, I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

I remain, dear Ambassador,

(Signed) Jaap WALKATE
Chairman, Board of Trustees,
United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

To all donors to the Fund